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CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES, IN PARTICULAR AS RELATED TO CRIMES IN URBAN AREAS AND JUVENILE AND VIOLENT CRIMINALITY, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF VICTIMS: ASSESSMENT AND NEW PERSPECTIVES

Note verbale dated 6 March 1995 from the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Office of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna

The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations (Vienna) presents its compliments to the Office of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna and has the honour to submit the text of a draft resolution proposed by the Government of Turkey on measures to combat all forms of racism and racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance, to be taken up under the relevant items of the provisional agenda for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, to be held at Cairo, Egypt, from 29 April to 8 May 1995.

The Permanent Mission of Turkey kindly requests that the draft resolution be circulated and distributed accordingly for the consideration of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders.

The Permanent Mission of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna the assurances of its highest consideration.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

Measures to combat all forms of racism and racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance

The Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 48/91 and 48/148 of 20 December 1993,

Bearing in mind the attention given in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,[1] adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993, relating to the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1994/64 of 9 March 1994 and General Assembly resolution 49/147 of 23 December 1994 on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Expressing its support for the activities of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Deeply concerned that, despite all efforts, racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance continue to increase incessantly,

Convinced that manifestations of intolerance threaten democratic societies and their fundamental values,

1. *Condemns* in the strongest terms racism in all its forms, xenophobia, intolerance and all forms of discrimination;

2. *Calls upon* Governments to combat all ideologies, policies and practices that constitute an incitement to racial hatred, violence and discrimination and to undertake to prevent, prohibit and eradicate all such practices in territories under their jurisdiction;

3. *Urges* Governments to declare as punishable offences the dissemination of ideas based on racial superiority or hatred, incitement to racial discrimination and the commission of acts of racist violence or incitement to such acts;

4. *Appeals* to Governments to adopt effective measures, in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, as well as in the fields of teaching, education, culture and information, with a view to combating prejudices that lead to contemporary manifestations of racism and to promoting understanding, tolerance and friendship within their societies;

5. *Also appeals* to Governments to strengthen and harmonize their domestic legislation to enable racist motivations to be taken into account when sentencing;

6. *Invites* the media in each Member State to pursue an educational mission in combating acts of racism and intolerance in all their forms;

7. *Urges* the promotion of international cooperation in combating contemporary forms of racism and racial discrimination, including the possibility of preparing guidelines on the subject;

8. *Requests* Member States to report annually to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on the implementation of the present resolution;

9. *Recommends* that the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice should include in the provisional agenda for its fourth session the issue of measures to combat all forms of racism and racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance.

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[1] *Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993* (A/CONF.157.24 (Part I)), chap. III.